

ASK CONGRESS TO OUST ALL NEGRO TROOPS

Increase in Crime Calls
for Drastic Measures
at Early Moment.

Congress will be urged to rid the army of all its colored soldiers, when it next takes up the consideration of the Brownsville affair. This drastic action has been proposed, and is receiving serious consideration from army officers as well as members of Congress. Four regiments would be affected—the Ninth and Tenth cavalry, and the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth infantry.

The suggestion grows out of the fact that ever since the incidents which led the President to discharge three whole companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, a regular wave of crime seems to have swept over the negro troops. Whether or not it was a member of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, who shot Captain Macklin, at El Reno, as is suspected, there is no denying the participation of members of the negro regiments in two disgraceful affairs on Christmas Day.

Christmas Day Revelries.

At Leavenworth, Kan., members of the Ninth cavalry indulged in a street car riot, and at Fort Sheridan, Chicago, a sergeant of the Ninth cavalry shot and killed a corporal of his company.

On Wednesday a member of the Twenty-fifth Infantry assaulted a white woman on the streets of El Reno. A continuation of such incidents would undoubtedly provoke a strong movement for the repeal of the law which authorized the enlistment of negro regiments, two infantry, and two cavalry in the regular army. That law was passed in 1862, and since which time the colored troops have been a regular part of the military establishment.

Bawls a Common Story.

They have been good fighters, whether against the Indians of the West, the Spaniards in Cuba, or against the natives of the Philippines.

At the same time, their records in time of peace are full of stories of brawls, street fights, and efforts to "shoot up" towns. These things have not only brought disgrace upon the United States uniform, but have resulted in making it exceedingly difficult for the War Department to station them when not in active service. No community wants them in the neighborhood.

If a hint reaches the people living near an army post that it is intended to station a negro regiment there, a wave of indignation protests are always heard. It is the same case even in the Philippines, where the protests have been made by Filipino towns.

Garner's Warning

Got a Deaf Ear

Representative J. N. Garner of Texas, who represents the Brownsville district, says when the order was issued to send troops of the Twenty-fifth regiment to Fort Brown, he protested to the War Department, but it did no good. He believed before the troops were sent that their presence would be a menace to the peace of the community.

Texas' Turn to Suffer.

"I was told at the War Department that it was Texas' time to take care of them. That seems to indicate that even at the War Department their presence was regarded as an indication which various communities must suffer in turn."

Sure Negroes Did Shooting.

"The theory that the negroes did not do the shooting at Brownsville," said Mr. Garner, "is almost too preposterous for serious consideration."

All the circumstances betray the

clumsy cunning of the negroes to cover their tracks. Since then, there has been a conspiracy of silence and men who will conspire to harbor murderers are unfit to wear the uniform of our army."

The people of Brownsville are indignant

that efforts have been made to impute the crime to them, and hundreds of letters and telegrams that I

Toys and Merrymaking For 1,200 Little Guests Of President McDermott

Children of Railway Employees at Annual Christmas Tree.

Columbia Theater Show for Youthful Friends of Magnate

Twelve hundred children were this afternoon the guests of President McDermott, of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, in the Columbia Theater, when the annual Christmas entertainment for children of the company's employees was given.

Rarely has there been a happier set of youngsters gathered within the theater than those who, this Christmas, watched every act and listened to every word from the generous Santa Claus who handed out good cheer and gifts to his little friends.

Two Big Trees.

The children began arriving at the theater long before the appointed time, and were met at the entrance by a committee, who saw that the little ones were comfortably seated inside. The first thing that greeted their eyes was a brilliantly-lighted stage, on each side of which was a tall Christmas tree, lighted by hundreds of electric lights and trimmed in the brightest-hued Christmas ornaments. In the center of the stage was stretched a large white canvas, which was used later in showing a series of highly entertaining motion pictures.

Promptly at 1:30 o'clock a vaudeville

have received show that they both desire and demand the fullest investigation that it is possible to make."

El Reno Feeling

Is Growing Intense

EL RENO, Okla., Dec. 28.—Feeling is here against negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth regiment—the same which figured in the Brownsville riots—by an insult offered yesterday to Mrs. C. F. Clifford, wife of a well known physician, by a negro soldier, who pushed her from a sidewalk.

An attempt was made to find the negro to lynch him after his insult had become known, but he escaped. Today, efforts are being made by the garrison authorities to find the offender.

Mrs. Clifford screamed and the soldier ran. No men were near and he made his escape. All the soldiers of the garrison who were allowed leave of absence yesterday will be summoned before Major Penrose, commander of the post.

Mrs. Clifford and her sister, Mrs. Clarke, will inspect them to point out the offender.

Officer of Captain Macklin by a negro trooper a week ago, stirred up great feeling against the black soldiers and his bitterness has been accentuated by the insult to Mrs. Clifford.

Price on Heads

Of the Slayers

SCOOBA, Miss., Dec. 28.—Following a temporary cessation of the race riots, Governor Vardaman has posted a reward of \$500 each for the capture, dead or alive, of Hal Bird, Ernest Brown or Dan Kerr, white men, who are alleged to have shot Clint Nicholson, an innocent negro farmer, and burned him before he died. The governor also offered a reward of \$500 for the capture of Tom Simpson, a negro, who assassinated Railroad Detective John O'Brien. The white men are believed to have fled

McKnew's

AN EXCLUSIVE LADIES' CLOAK, SUIT, AND FURNISHING HOUSE

Every Coat, Suit, and Fur in the House At Honestly Reduced Prices

We are offering at clearing sale prices every coat, suit, and fur that remains of this season's stock. The prices are honestly reduced, and there's a good, substantial saving on the highest class novelties in women's garments that have been shown this winter.

All \$25.00 Suits and Coats	• • •	\$18.75
All \$30.00 Suits and Coats	• • •	\$22.50
All \$35.00 Suits and Coats	• • •	\$26.25
All \$40.00 Suits and Coats	• • •	\$30.00
All \$42.50 Suits and Coats	• • •	\$31.88

All Other Coats and Suits Reduced Proportionately

Odd Lots of Suits Are Greatly Reduced

Suits that sold up to \$35.00, reduced to \$20.00

Suits that sold up to \$52.50, reduced to \$35.00

Wm. H. McKnew Co., 933 Penna. Ave.

NEWS OF A DAY IN ALEXANDRIA

Free Methodists Held a Meeting in City.

BANK DECLARES DIVIDEND

Police Grab Alleged Board Jumper From Washington—Personals About Alexandrians.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., DEC. 28.

The quarterly meeting of the Free Methodist Church was held last night at the church in South Lee street. The meetings will continue every Sunday. There were present at the meeting last evening District Elder A. G. Miller, the Rev. J. W. Tamm, of Spencerville, Md.; the Rev. Willis Mosede, of Baltimore, Md.; and the Rev. George Kopp, of Pleasant Hill, Md. Services will be held on Sunday at 11 a. m. when the Rev. A. G. Miller will deliver the sermon. At 2:30 p. m. there will be a love feast, and at 7:30 o'clock in the evening there will be another service. On New Year eve services will begin at 9 o'clock in the evening and will continue until midnight.

Local News Notes.

There was only one case in the police court this morning, that of Harry J. Eckert, arrested by Policemen Knight and Jones, charged with jumping a board bill in Washington. He was turned over to the Washington police authorities.

The Citizens' National Bank directors held a meeting at that bank yesterday and declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent, payable on January 2, 1907.

An electric train jumped the track at the corner of King and 12 1/2 street yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock, and blocked traffic for some time. Much difficulty was experienced in getting it upon the rails again.

Personal Notices.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Emma Virginia Gensmer will be held from her home, in South Lee street, this afternoon. The interment will be made in the Union cemetery.

Alderman Walter W. Ballenger, who underwent an operation at Providence yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock, is feeling better. He is reported to be greatly improved.

Mrs. H. C. Ashley still continues ill at her home in Prince street.

Emmett Jenkins, who has been visiting his parents in this city, has returned to his home in Richmond.

WOMAN BREAKS HER NECK

PUTTING ON GOLF CAPE

BURNSIDE, Ky., Dec. 28.—Miss Minnie Morris Thayer, while entertaining a house party, met her death in a peculiar manner. She was running to the mail box, and threw her head back to toss a golf cape over her shoulders. Her friends saw her fall to the ground. Her neck had been broken.

GOOD TIMES IN GERMANY, TOO.

Those who fancy that the United States have a monopoly of prosperity are not keeping the run of things. Germany seems to be flourishing as greatly as we are. The industries of the country are busy and the railroads are unable to cope with the traffic requirements. Labor is unusually scarce, but in spite of that fact, records are being broken in every line.—San Francisco Chronicle.

NOT EXACTLY THE SAME MAN.

Mrs. Nawed—Istn't this the same man who got the angel cake yesterday? Froaky Fritters—it is, an' ag'in it ain't m'm. I'll never be the same man after eatin' that cake. No, m'am.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

HOOVER LEAVES TO GET EVIDENCE

Will See Many People in Utah for Mrs. Bradley's Defense.

Attorney George P. Hoover, of the firm of Hoover & Wells, representing Mrs. Anna M. Bradley, who shot and killed Senator Brown in the Raleigh Hotel on December 8, left Washington this afternoon at 1 o'clock for Salt Lake City, Utah. He expects to be gone two or three weeks. During that time he will confer with Judges Powers and Marioneaux, Mrs. Bradley's Utah counsel, regarding the defense of their client and contesting the will of the statesman, which was recently offered for probate, and in which he disinherits the two children of which his lawyer says he was the father.

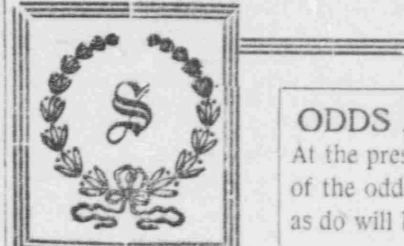
Mr. Hoover and his partner, Robert W. Wells, arrived in Salt Lake City at 2 o'clock this morning. It is not unlikely that Mr. Hoover will bring one of Mrs. Bradley's children back to Washington with him. The child, it is understood, is the one worry Mrs. Bradley has. It will probably be kept in the home of a friend in this city.

Mr. Hoover will see two score or more persons in Salt Lake City, all of them having been named by Mrs. Bradley as witnesses as to her relations with Senator Brown and his conduct toward the children, whom he repudiates in his will.

After leaving Utah, Mr. Hoover will probably go to New York city to talk with Mrs. Annie Adams, to whom Senator Brown was engaged, and who says she is the innocent cause of the tragedy in the Raleigh.

ONE TRIAL WAS ENOUGH.

Proprietor—You're the slowest messenger I ever saw! I thought you said you once worked for Roosevelt. Boy—I did. I worked for him once—and that's all.—Detroit Free Press.



JAPANESE CORNER POTATO MARKET

California at Mercy of Yellow Men, Who Plan \$1,000,000 Profit.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 28.—Clever Japanese capitalists and ranchers have secured a corner on potatoes in California markets, according to a story in circulation, and are forcing prices up at a rapid rate.

Kinya Shima, a Japanese, who, six years ago, began to raise potatoes on rent land in Sacramento Valley, is said to be the leader of the corner. Large quantities of potatoes have been ordered from Minnesota and other States, but the high freight rates make it almost impossible for the shipments to be delivered.

LACKAYE WEDDING

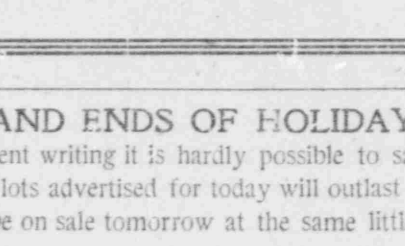
ANNOUNCED AT HOME

Cards have been received in Washington announcing the marriage of Miss Agnes Helene Lackaye, and Herbert Johnson Ridings, in Oakland, Cal., December 17. Mrs. Ridings is best known in Washington, her home, as Helene Lackaye, the sister of Wilton Lackaye, Her husband is the manager for "The Heir to the Throne," in which Miss Lackaye is appearing in support of Guy Bates Post.

GOVERNOR OF OMSK

KILLED BY ASSASSIN

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—The governor of Omsk, capital of the province of Akmoinsk, was killed today by an assassin.



ODDS AND ENDS OF HOLIDAY GOODS

At the present writing it is hardly possible to say just which of the odd lots advertised for today will outlast the day. Such as do will be on sale tomorrow at the same little prices.

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S

Exceptional Suits and Overcoats

At \$10.00 and \$12.50

We will freely admit that it is not so difficult a matter to get

Suits and Overcoats to sell at \$10 and \$12.50. The difficulty

arises when you try to get Suits and Overcoats of excellent fabrics,

good tailoring, and up-to-date in style to sell at those prices. No

other store in Washington does it—or can do it. It remained for

the Saks store to do it—to take the initiative in that as well as in

so many other things. And it was possible for the Saks store only

because of the power of the organization behind it, and its alliance

with some of the best makers in this country.

These \$10.00 and \$12.50 Suits and Overcoats are equal in

every respect to the styles and qualities for which you must pay as

high as \$16.50 in other stores in Washington.

That is something for the salaried man to remember well in this time of increased cost

of living.

MEN'S SUITS—in chevots, worsteds,

cassimeres and black tibets; fashion-

ed in single and double-breasted

models. In values they equal the

usual \$12.50 and \$15.00 Suits—here at...

\$10.00

MEN'S OVERCOATS—a revelation of

how much can really be given for

\$10.00 when the desire to do it is sup-

plemented by the power of the Saks

organization. Dreese, medium and

long models in the most approved

styles. Worth \$12.50 and \$15.00—here

at \$10.00

MEN'S SUITS—of fine-looking worst-

eds, chevots, cassimeres, fancy serges

and black tibets; cut in single and

double-breasted styles. For such good

fabrics and careful tailoring you must

usually pay \$15.00 and \$16.50—here at...

\$12.50

MEN'S OVERCOATS—handsome and

well-wearing friezes and chevots, in

black, oxford gray and fancy effects.

Fashioned in medium and long models,

and finished with velvet collars. The

kind of overcoats that generally sell

for \$15.00 and \$16.50—here at...

\$12.50

Rare Economies in Wearables for Boys

Our Boys' Shop came through the holiday season with flying colors, and again demonstrated its

leadership in everything that pertains to boys' wear. We mention a few of the lines that were re-

duced to small numbers—and that are now correspondingly reduced to smaller prices:

Boys' 50c Gauntlet Gloves, in tan and buckskin—now 25c a pair

Boys' 59c Pajamas, of striped domet flannel—now 45c a suit

Boys' 75c Knee Trousers, 6 to 16 year sizes—now 50c

BOYS' REEFERS AND OVERCOATS—a group

of odds and ends left from some of our most

popular lines. Fashioned in plain and fancy

fabrics—all of them very desirable, but not

enough of any one kind to mention

in particular. Sizes 2 1/2 to 8 years. \$2.95

Were \$2.50 to \$4.00—now reduced to...

\$2.95

BOYS' DOUBLE-BREASTED SUITS—also left

from some of our best selling lines. All are

fashioned of very serviceable fabrics, and there

are both light and dark effects to choose from.

Some have two pairs of trousers (straight and

knickerbockers), and some only one

(bloomers). Were \$4.50 and \$5.00—

now reduced to...

\$3.75

BOYS' HEAVY REEFERS—another lot from

that same maker whose Reefers we sold a hun-

dred of in almost no time one day last week,

fashioned of fine frieze, in Oxford gray and

navy blue; finely lined with red flannel; all

with velvet collars, emblems on sleeves, and

gift buttons. Sizes 2 1/2 to 14 years.

Reefers \$7.50 values—

special at...

\$5.00

BOYS' WINTER OVERCOATS—fashioned of

handsome, well-wearing friezes, in Oxford gray

and navy blue; generally long and body-fitting

models, and tailored like the men's coats. Fin-

ished with velvet collars. Sizes 6

to 17 years. Regular \$7.50 values—

special at...

\$5.00

Penna. Ave. Saks & Company Seventh Street